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**Amendments to the Claims**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims**

Claim 1 (canceled)

Claim 2 (currently amended) An isolated EN-RAGE peptide having the N-terminal amino acid sequence shown in ~~Table 1~~ SEQ ID NO:2.

Claims 3-14 (canceled)

Claim 15 (original) A composition comprising an EN-RAGE peptide or fragment thereof and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, wherein the peptide has the N-terminal amino acid sequence shown in SEQ ID NO:2.

Claims 16-69 (canceled)